

## Rebekah Morgan

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Rebekah

Hope you are well.

Re Landscape Management Plan

Additional clarity and reassurance is required in respect of the detail for Trees; post planting management and maintenance. An adherence to current British Standards, especially in regard to trees. **Consider BS 8545:2014 Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape – recommendations/ 11 Post-planting management and maintenance:**

### **Irrigation**

Timing and frequency to take account of prevailing weather conditions, soil moisture release, response of the tree species to water deficits or prolonged soil saturation.

The holding capacity of the soil should be assessed

The amount of water available to the tree to be assessed. Frequency of watering is more important than the volume, an irrigation plan will be necessary as part of the management plan

Monitoring is recommended when 10 consecutive days at 25 degrees is recorded during the growing season. Water should only be added if the probe / tensiometer values indicate that it would be appropriate to do so.

### **Formative pruning**

FP to be carried out in accordance with BS3998

Nursery branching is temporary FP is therefore essential to prevent co-dominant stems (increases failure potential); aggressive branches develop low on the stem and when removed result in larger ugly stem wounds; vigorous branches grow long on the lower part of the stem and break off.

### **Tree health**

A formal assessment of tree health and development carried out annually, foliar appearance assessment necessary (lack of leaf chlorosis and/or necrosis), leaf size and leaf canopy density, extension growth and incremental girth development

### Frost Heave

Under the title Firming Up 'and after frost heave' should be inserted.

### Regulations/ Risk Assessments/ PPE

The term 'appropriate personnel' should include trained and experienced operatives in respect of COSHH regulations (application of pesticides/herbicides). Contractor's risk assessments should be implemented prior to the works (operatives' PPE should be also mentioned).

### Retention Lagoons

The removal (timeframe/phasing) of invasive vegetation and de-silting is to be implemented under the guidance of an ecologist. No chemical spray to be applied within the vicinity of the waterbody.

### Hard Landscaping

The condition and maintenance of hard standing/parking areas, paths and access roads/kerbs and boundary fencing has been excluded from the document.

Best regards

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